

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether responsible journals published reviews on this book before it was submitted to the Text-Book Committee?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): Yes, Sir.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether any representation was made to the Director or to the Text-Book Committee, before this book was prescribed as a text-book, objecting to its being prescribed as a text-book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I point out that such testimonials are often given to every beginner in authorship and therefore should not be made the basis for such books being prescribed as text-books?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I never said, Sir, that that testimonial was the basis for the book being prescribed as a text-book. In fact, I knew of the testimonial long after the book was prescribed as a text-book.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum—Urban*): Was there any complaint, that there are objectionable passages in the book, before the book was prescribed as a text-book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No, Sir.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha I*): May I know whether the author of this book was known as an author except for this book?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I believe so, Sir.

Boat Basin for Alleppey.

242. ***MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have sanctioned the construction of a Boat Basin for the protection of sea-going lighters in Alleppey, and if so, when they propose to carry out the work?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): Yes. The work will be taken in hand when funds for the purpose become available.

Duty on Coir matting imported into Australia.

243. ***MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN** (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are aware of the enhancement of duty on coir matting imported into Australia, and, if so, what action they have taken to bring about a reduction in the rate of import duty?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. The Government of India were requested to move for a reduction in the rate of duty on coir matting imported into Australia, and they have replied to say that the points raised have been noted by them for consideration, if and when negotiations are undertaken for the conclusion of a trade agreement with Australia.